



The Reston Reliance



Reston District Station

"Providing Our Community a Solid Foundation Through Excellence"

August 2008

Reston District Station Open House



Saturday, September 13
12000 Bowman Towne Dr
11 am to 3 pm



Come see the police helicopter, antique cars, dive team, police motorcycles and the bomb squad. There will be sno-cones, popcorn, McGruff and fun for all ages!



Please bring a canned good or two to help fill a police car with food for the Reston Interfaith Food Bank.

See page 5 for information on the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry collection

Please contact the Reston District Station Crime Prevention Office with any questions about the Open House at (703) 478-0799



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Under Investigation

Arrest Made in Attempted Abduction of Teenager

Detectives received a tip on Friday, August 22, about the identity of the suspect in the attempted abduction of a teenager on July 18. The investigation led to Amjad Zuhdi Arnous, 45, of the 11700 block of Old Bayberry Lane in Reston. Arnous turned himself over to detectives on Saturday, August 23. He was arrested and charged with abduction. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.



Amjad Zuhdi Arnous

On Friday, July 18, a 13-year-old girl walking in the 1400 block of North Point Village Center was approached by a man who engaged her in conversation. The two entered a coffee shop and later walked a short distance together. The man asked for a kiss and attempted to grab the girl. She ran away and called the police. She was not injured.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1(866) 411-TIPS(8477), e-mail via their website at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637), or call Fairfax County Police at (703) 691-2131.

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3. Sign up at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter to receive notifications to download current newsletters.

Around the County

Cleaning Lady Arrested; Police Seek More Victims

Fairfax County Police are trying to locate the owners of several pieces of jewelry recovered during a grand larceny investigation. The suspect was hired to clean houses. Mirian Martinez, 47, was arrested on Thursday, July 17, and charged with grand larceny and selling stolen property. Those charges stemmed from the theft of jewelry from a 51-year-old Alexandria-area woman in the 6100 block of Windham Hill Run. Officers located a pawn shop in Arlington where some of the stolen jewelry had been sold. Police are still looking for a diamond ring worth \$42,000.

As the investigation continued, two more clients, a 51-year-old Fairfax woman and a 38-year-old Fairfax Station woman, reported missing jewelry. The total amount of losses in the Fairfax County cases is over \$62,000. The property consists of jewelry and clothing. Martinez, of 2504 Byrd Lane in Alexandria, has been charged with an additional count of grand larceny and selling stolen property. More charges are pending.

In all the cases, Martinez has been employed by the victims for several years. She works under the company name Mirian Cleaning Services in Alexandria. Police are investigating the possibility there may be other victims.

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Suspect Arrested in Rental Home Scam

Detectives arrested Richard Hiner during an investigation into a series of rental home scams. Between Sunday, July 13, and Friday, July 18, police were notified of four separate incidents of potential renters defrauded of money after signing contracts on rental homes. In each case the victims found the rental homes advertised on Craigslist. After reportedly contacting Richard Hiner, the person in

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the ad, they toured the home, signed a rental contract, and provided payment toward the rental. They later learned that Hiner was not affiliated with the properties and the homes were actually bank-owned and in foreclosure.

Detectives acted quickly, posing as potential renters and responding to an online ad for a rental home. Hiner was arrested when he arrived for the meeting after detectives determined he had no affiliation with that property. Richard K. Hiner, 31, of 1585 Kacy Court in Catlett, Virginia, was arrested and charged with four counts of grand larceny by false pretense and three counts of burglary. This investigation is ongoing and detectives would like to hear from anyone who may have additional information on these rental home scams. The detectives can be contacted either at the Franconia District Station, (703) 922-0894, or the Mount Vernon District Station, (703) 360-8403.

The involved homes were located in the following areas:

- 6200 block of Cool Valley Court in the Franconia area
- 6400 block of Ronson Court in the Rose Hill area
- 7900 block of Russell Road in the Huntley Meadows area

DWI Directed Patrol Results In Reston Police District

Fairfax County Police officers from around the county conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Reston District, to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Saturday, August 2, from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. on Sunday. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 26 motorists were stopped. There were no arrests made for DWI. Two summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

Eight officers and one auxiliary police officer participated in the operation.

Crime Trends

- 8/15 – Auto theft** – 12500 block of Rock Chapel Ct – 2002 black Chevy Tahoe was stolen
- 8/17 – Burglary** – 1500 block of Chatham Colony Ct – residence entered and a laptop computer was stolen
- 8/13 – Burglary** – 1900 block of Limb Tree Ln – residence entered and jewelry was stolen
- 8/11 – Graffiti** – Foxmill Shopping Center – “TWS” spray painted on a utility box
- 8/12 – Graffiti** – 1500 block of Powells Tavern Rd – graffiti on a brick wall
- 8/13 – Graffiti** – 12110 Sunset Hills Rd – “I Dream” spray painted on parking garage
- 8/11 – Larceny** – South Lakes High School – lock was cut off construction trailer and copper pipe was stolen
- 8/14 – Larcenies** – Woody’s Golf Center – 2 cars were entered and a purse, iPod, and backpack were stolen. One car was unlocked and the other had a window smashed out
- 8/16 – Larcenies** – Safeway at 9881 Georgetown Pike – purse was stolen from shopping cart
Giant Food at 2551 John Milton Dr – purse was stolen from shopping cart
Chuck E Cheese at 2465 Centreville Rd – wallet was stolen from a diaper bag

Crime Prevention Tips

- ✓ Lock your car everywhere you go
- ✓ Do not leave valuables in your car
- ✓ Do not leave your personal belongings unattended, i.e. Purses. Keep them with you at all times
- ✓ For a free home security survey call the Crime Prevention Office of the Reston District Police Station at (703) 478-0799
- ✓ Call the police to report any and all suspicious activity or persons at the non-emergency number, (703) 691-2131

The Reston Road DAWGS complete another successful week

By Katy Fernbacher, Crime Prevention Officer

The Reston District Station had the privilege to host one week of Road DAWG camp from August 11-15, 2008. Road DAWG camp was started to give 6th, 7th and 8th graders from at-risk communities a chance to be involved in activities with the police department and to be educated on the dangers of gangs. Road DAWG stands for Don't Associate with Gangs and was started at the West Springfield station in 2003. This was Reston's third year to host a week of camp for boys and girls living in the Reston and Herndon areas.

Children were nominated by school counselors, juvenile probation officers, school resource and education officers, and patrol officers. A review panel was used to determine which children would be selected to attend camp. Thirty-two boys and girls were chosen to attend the week-long program.



The children ranged in age from 12 to 15. Most of the campers will be going into middle school in the upcoming school year. The experience of camp was to educate the children on the dangers of gangs and to introduce team work exercises and leadership skills to the campers, as well as show the campers what training goes into becoming a police officer.

On Monday, the campers all arrived at the Reston District Police Station to begin their day before traveling to the Fairfax County Police Association to participate in DWI activities and learn about the dangers of Driving While Intoxicated. After a cookout lunch with the Reston Neighborhood Patrol Unit, the group traveled to Fire Station 39 in Reston. The firefighters staged a car accident and extracted the "driver" from the car to demonstrate

what happens when someone is in a crash, especially a drunk driving accident. The campers also got to see



through smoke with special equipment from the fire department. Several campers also got to try on fire gear during the course of the afternoon.

On Tuesday, the campers participated in a special demonstration of the TAC team obstacle course located at the Fairfax County Police Range and Track. Campers were allowed to run the obstacle course after a demonstration of the obstacles by members of the TAC team. Some campers completed three runs of the course before moving to the next activity at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The campers were placed in scenarios and asked to walk in police officers' shoes, to think like police officers, and investigate a situation. After lunch, the group traveled to the Fairfax County driving track where, after a video on driving safety, they were driven around the track.



On Wednesday, the group traveled to Camp Hemlock Overlook to spend the day learning team building and communication skills. These skills were tested in the afternoon with the challenging "peanut butter pit." Both campers and staff alike suited up for the 15 foot-high tight rope walk to the zip line, a suspended wire that flies you more than 100 feet across a valley.



On Thursday, the campers spent the day at Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. They participated in a mock

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trial in which the Honorable Judge Thomas Mann presided. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Marc Birnbaum represented the Commonwealth of Virginia and public defender Todd Petit represented the accused, played by a camper. A gang member, who is currently spending time in jail, came to talk to the campers about the life of jail and the ill effects of being in a gang. The day was concluded with a tour of the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The campers were exposed to all types of jail life including the food and where people sleep.

On Friday, the campers were tested on their health education and knowledge of the dangers of drugs and alcohol with games like Jeopardy and Roulette before they were treated to lunch at Fuddruckers in Herndon. The campers then met with the After School Specialists from Langston Hughes and Herndon Middle Schools to learn about what activities are offered after school. After this, the campers returned to the station for a graduation ceremony and party to commemorate their week of Road DAWG camp. A 15-minute video of pictures from the week's events was played for the parents and campers to see what they had accomplished throughout the week.

Big congratulations to the campers and staff of this year's Reston Road DAWG camp for a great week of fun and laughs!

DWI-related Deaths Down; Arrests Up in Fairfax County

Four people have lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes so far this year, compared to 13 for the same period in Fairfax County last year. As of August 20, officers have arrested 1,975 people for driving while intoxicated. This compares to 1,578 for the same period in 2007.

In conjunction with the 2008 Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign, Fairfax County Police officers were joined by Virginia State Troopers from Division VII in conducting a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Friday, August 22, from 11 p.m. until 2 a.m.

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Fill the Police Car with Food for the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry

This year at the Reston District Station's Open House on September 13, 2008, we are asking the community to donate non-perishable food items to fill a police car with food for the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. A marked police car will be parked at the Open House for you to put a food donation into.

The Reston District Station has been collecting food for the Food Pantry for several years through our Child Safety Seat Inspection program. In 2007, the station's total donations reached over 1,250 pounds of food. Reston Interfaith is a non-profit organization serving Northern Virginia that promotes self-sufficiency by providing support and advocacy for those in need of food, shelter, affordable housing, quality child care, and other human services. You can learn more about Reston Interfaith on their website at www.restoninterfaith.org.

Most Needed Items :

- Cereal, Other Breakfast Items
- Jelly
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Children's Pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Helper Meals (easy make)
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Beans - all sorts (canned or dry)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables - regular or no salt (all sorts)
- Canned Peas
- Canned Meat or Fish (tuna, salmon, chicken, ham)

Please help the Reston District Station fill a police car full of food to stock the shelves of the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. Non-perishable food will be collected at the Open House on September 13, 2008, and then will be turned over to the Food Pantry in the police car. If you have any questions about the food drive or food collection information for the Open House, please call the Reston Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799.

Police Educate Moped & Scooter Owners

In the wake of soaring fuel prices and balmy weather, an increasing number of drivers are turning to mopeds and motorized scooters as alternatives to cars and trucks. The Fairfax County Police Department has released a new educational brochure and wants owners to know the rules of the road, as they pertain to these fuel-efficient vehicles.

According to Traffic Safety Specialist Master Police Officer Bob Barton, "We are seeing a surge in people, some more experienced than others, commuting by moped, scooters and motorcycles, which can create safety concerns when mixing with other vehicles."

There is a new law, effective July 1, which those contemplating a new mode of commuting need to be aware of. If a moped is driven **over 35 mph**, it is now considered a motorcycle, which means that the operator needs to have additional driver's certifications and a motorcycle license. Additionally, the moped needs license plates, proper registration and insurance. If a moped is driven **under 35 mph**, the driver does not need a license (but must carry identification) and the vehicle does not need license plates or insurance.



Additional safety tips for moped and scooter operators include:

- Drivers should wear bright or reflective clothing and a helmet.
- Drivers must be at least 16 years old to operate a moped.
- Mopeds and bicycles must stay to the right side of the roadway.
- Mopeds and motorized scooters may not be operated on sidewalks.

To learn more about moped and scooter safety, check-out: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/brochure/guide-scooter-moped-cycle-operation.pdf> or call the Fairfax County Police Traffic Division at (703) 280-0563.

Park Employees Charged with Embezzlement

Fairfax County Detectives from the Reston District Station, in cooperation with officials from the Fairfax County Park Authority, began an investigation into allegations of embezzlement involving Park Authority employees in July of this year. Information received by the Park Authority indicated employees at the Water Mine Facility at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston, were allegedly taking money from the daily proceeds brought in by park activities. The subsequent investigation has resulted in the arrest of two county employees.



Michael Andrew Golino, 23, of the 47000 block of Griffith Place, and Justin Thomas Hogan, 21, of the 20000 block of Butterwood Falls Terrace, in Sterling have each been charged with one count of embezzlement.

The investigation is ongoing and additional suspects may be charged.

For additional information about the Fairfax County Park Authority, you may contact Judy Pedersen at (703) 324-8662.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail via their website at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637, or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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Saturday in the Franconia Police District. Checkpoint Strikeforce is a statewide initiative combining enforcement and education efforts geared towards raising public awareness of drunk driving.

All motorists were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive have not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The Fairfax County Police Department takes the issue of drinking and driving seriously. This effort combined with ongoing DWI enforcement initiatives throughout the county are designed to prevent alcohol related crashes and make the roadways safer.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Would you like to become more involved in the Reston District? You can, by attending the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. The CAC was established in 1979 to enhance the Police Department's ability to communicate with and better serve the community.



The CAC meeting can involve presentations about any aspect of the Police Department, such as the helicopter division, identity theft, the K-9 division, or child safety. In addition, you will find out what is going on in your community and will have the opportunity to talk to the Commander of the Reston District Station and express your concerns directly.

The formal meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and runs about 1½ hours. (The Neighborhood Watch meeting precedes it at 7 p.m.). The meetings are normally held the third Thursday of each month in the community room of the Reston District Station at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. There are no dues or membership requirements and dress is casual. Late arrival/early departure is OK. This is time well spent, and we hope to see you there. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Crime Solvers Launches New Website!

Fairfax County Crime Solvers has launched its own website. It was designed to aid the program and the Police Department. There are pages to advertise wanted fugitives, cold cases, suspects caught in the act, and more at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

Community Crime Statistic Information Line

Residents interested in receiving a report based on the frequency of calls dispatched to a specific area of interest over the previous 12-month period are now able to do so. Call (703) 246-7932 and you will be directed to leave your name and phone number, fax, email or mailing address. Requests take approximately 5-7 days.

Fairfax Police Department Programs

Fairfax County Police Department SAFE (Sexual Assault Free and Empowered)

Women's Self Defense Program: SAFE teaches realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The program begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. It then progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. To learn more or to register for the course, call (703) 246-7806.

Reston Police Station Services

For more information regarding the following services, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (703) 478-0799 or e-mail the Crime Prevention Officers Katy Fernbacher at katy.fernbacher@fairfaxcounty.gov or Chip Cogan at Harry.Cogan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Police Newsletter: Please visit the link below to access the Fairfax County Police newsletter service center to sign up to receive The Reston Reliance: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>.

Home/Business Security Assessments: If you are concerned about the safety and security of your home or business, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions to better safeguard your home or business.

Neighborhood Watch Training: If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community to give the training.

Child Safety Seat Inspections: Inspections are scheduled through voicemail by calling (703) 478-0904 x5208. If you are interested in this service please allow enough time before your due date to have your child safety seat inspected. Scheduled BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Reston Business Crime Watch: This e-mail alert system is designed to give businesses up-to-date and specific crime information pertaining to the type or location of the business.



Community Resources

Cut out and hang near your phone for easy reference

POLICE—Non-Emergency.....	703-691-2131
EMERGENCY	911
Reston District Police Station.....	703-478-0904
Alcohol and Drug Services (Youth Services).....	703-961-1080
Center for Multicultural Human Services.....	703-533-3302
CrisisLink Crisis Hotline (Suicide, trauma, life crises).....	703-527-4077
Community Services Board (Prevention services).....	703-324-7000
Emergency Mental Health Services (24 hour).....	703-573-5679
Department of Family Services.....	703-324-7938
Fairfax County Dept. of Community and Recreation Services—Teen Services...	703-324-8336
Fairfax County Gang Coordinator.....	703-246-2396
Fairfax County Health Dept.....	703-246-2411
Fairfax Co. Health Dept.—Tattoo Removal Program.....	703-246-7182
Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.....	703-246-2495
Fairfax County Police Gang Prevention Coordinator.....	703-246-7844
Fairfax County Public Schools—After school programs.....	703-246-6740
Northern Virginia Gang Task Force—Tip Line.....	1-866-664-2647
Youth Employment (NVWIB job hunt).....	703-368-0775



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